

# WHAT IS JOB CORPS?



JOB CORPS is the nation's oldest and most successful federally funded job training and education program for economically disadvantaged youth ages 16 through 24. Established in 1964, Job Corps has trained more than 2 million young people to date, serving more than 65,000 young adults each year.

## Where is Job Corps?

There are currently 122 Job Corps centers located in 48 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Two new centers are scheduled to open in the near future. To support students across the country, Job Corps also manages outreach, admissions and career transition operations at hundreds of locations nationwide.

## Education

The Career Development Services System (CDSS) is Job Corps' approach for providing seamless services to students, including recruitment, education, career training, job assistance and transitional support services after graduation. Upon joining Job Corps, each student works with staff to develop an individualized Personal Career Development Plan (PCDP) to stay on track for success.

In the academic classroom, students have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma or GED and learn employability and independent living skills prior to moving into vocational training.

## Training

Job Corps students receive hands-on career training in more than 100 occupational areas including several outlined in the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative. The program's vocational training opportunities include a variety of trades applicable to the initiative such as health occupations, construction, culinary arts, automotive and information technology. A number of Job Corps training programs currently provide students with industry certification, and opportunities are added appropriately.

Students can also participate in on-the-job training at real work sites through work-based learning opportunities.

## Life on Center

While enrolled in the program, students receive housing, meals, basic medical care and biweekly living allowances. Job Corps also has a strict Zero Tolerance Policy for drugs and violence. Since Job Corps is a self-paced program and lengths of stay vary, students may remain enrolled for up to two years.

## After Graduation

Through employer partnerships, Job Corps places trained graduates with local, regional and national employers. Businesses save time and money by hiring skilled workers who are ready to work immediately.

Job Corps has one of the highest job placement rates among the nation's job training programs. Approximately 90 percent of Job Corps graduates go on to careers in the private sector, enlist in the military, move on to higher education, or pursue advanced training.

Job Corps graduates receive transitional support services, including help locating housing, child care and transportation, for up to two years after they leave the program.

## Job Corps' 40th Anniversary

From September 2004 to September 2005, Job Corps is celebrating its 40th Anniversary. The campaign reflects upon the program's 40-year history providing educational and vocational training for America's youth. One of the campaign goals is to inform the general public, current and potential partners, support organizations and alumni about Job Corps' proud history and its focus on the future.

*For additional information on Job Corps, please visit:  
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# Job Corps Center Locations

